

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) Coated base paper, **characterized** in that it comprises cellulose fibres based pigment-coated paper, coated using pigment paste comprising kaolin or carbonate, and having 1 to 5 barrier layers, which barrier layer comprises a barrier chemical selected from the group comprising polyvinyl alcohol, acrylate-based barrier latexes and their mixtures.
2. (Original) Base paper according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the number of barrier layers is one.
3. (Currently amended) Base paper according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, **characterized** in that the amount of barrier chemical in the base paper is 0.5 to 3 weight-%.
4. (Currently amended) Base paper according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, **characterized** in that the barrier chemical is polyvinyl alcohol having a short chain.
5. (Currently amended) Base paper according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, **characterized** in that the pigment-coated paper is primarily pigment-coated fine paper based on chemical pulp.
6. (Original) A method for the manufacture of coated base paper, **characterized** in that onto a pigment-coated paper based on cellulose fibres and coated using pigment paste comprising kaolin or carbonate, 1-5 barrier layers are applied by using a method not contacting the web, which barrier layer comprises a barrier chemical as an aqueous solution, selected from the group comprising polyvinyl alcohol, acrylate-based barrier latexes or their mixtures.
7. (Original) A method according to claim 6, **characterized** in that one barrier layer is applied.

8. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, **characterized** in that the method not contacting the web is a curtain coating method or spray method.
9. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 6 to 8~~ claim 6, **characterized** in that barrier chemical is applied as an aqueous solution having a concentration of 3 to 50 weight-%.
10. (Original) A method according to claim 9, **characterized** in that barrier chemical is applied as an aqueous solution having a concentration of 3 to 25 weight-%, and that the solution being applied has a viscosity of at most 100 cP.
11. (Original) A method according to claim 10, **characterized** in that barrier chemical is applied as an aqueous solution having a concentration of 3 to 5 weight-%, and that the solution being applied has a viscosity of at most 50 cP.
12. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 6 to 11~~ claim 6, **characterized** in that the application of the barrier layer is carried out as on-line coating.
13. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 6 to 12~~ claim 6, **characterized** in that after the application of the barrier layer, drying is carried out using a non-contacting drying technique.
14. (Canceled)
15. (New) A label or release paper comprising a paper according to claim 1 as a base paper.